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Subject: Starting the OSP Weekly Report: Week of May 16 – 20, 2016

I've started this week's report and left last week's four PSS items at the bottom for editing / deletion. One new item for the air team this week.

OSP Weekly Report Week of May 16 – 20, 2016

White House Arctic Science Ministerial (September 28, 2016)

- Tom Burke has agreed to represent EPA at the Ministerial, which is expected to be attended by ministers of all eight Arctic countries. The meeting purposes include the improved integration and coordination of scientific programs that currently (or potentially) affect the Arctic.
- OSP and ACE are working closely with OITA in refining and expanding the current batch of "deliverables" (suggestions for activities which could be highlighted at the meeting). Five are of special interest to ORD, including two by NHEERL labs. In this regard, OSP is undertaking an outreach effort within ORD that includes briefings of the NPDs (May 16) and the lab/center directors (May 18).
- Separately, Fred Hauchman will accompany Stan Meiburg to a meeting of the OSTP-led Arctic Executive Steering Committee on May 18, whose agenda includes planning for the Ministerial.

Tire Crumb

- On May 12, representatives from CPSC and EPA (including OSP) visited the Ex. 3 [CERCLA section 104(e)(7)(42 USC 9604(e)(7))] in Ex. 3 [CERCLA section 104(e)(7)(42 USC 9604(e)(7))] to see first-hand how tire crumbs are manufactured. Ex. 3 [CERCLA section 104(e)(7)(42 USC 9604(e)(7))] makes tire crumb material for both synthetic turf infill and playground material.
- The external peer review of the research plan is ongoing, and comments are expected by May 17. CDC, CPSC and EPA are currently reviewing the public comments that were submitted in response to the *Federal Register* notice. EPA will include responses to the public comments in the package of information that will be sent to OMB.

Lead and Copper Rule

- On May 11, OSP and ORD staff had a conference call with OW's Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water (OGWDW) and their contractor to discuss the use of the IEUBK (Integrated Exposure Uptake Biokinetic) model and the ORD SHEDS-MM (Stochastic Human Exposure and Dose Simulation Model-Multimedia) model as inputs to the IEUBK model. This call occurred because OSP and others in ORD are involved in two work groups that are currently working to develop a health-based household action level (tap lead value at which notification of consumer/public health agency for follow-up would occur), to complete an environmental justice (EJ) analysis, and to assist OW with characterizing the health benefits of the proposed Lead and Copper Rule.

Trichloroethylene (TCE) TSCA Section 6 Proposed Rule for Consumer Aerosol Degreasing and Commercial Dry Cleaning Spot Removal

- On May 13, OSP participated in the Final Agency Review (FAR) for the consumer aerosol degreasing and commercial dry cleaning spot removal uses of TCE. OPPT is proposing to prohibit the manufacture, processing, and distribution of the TCE spot removal uses due to unreasonable risks to human health. ORD provided input to OPPT on their risk assessment in advance of the meeting and after reviewing all materials related to this action, including the revised TCE risk assessment, OSP concurred with no further comment at the meeting.

Glyphosate

- On May 4, Administrator McCarthy received a letter from the chairman of the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology requesting information on OPP's Cancer Assessment Review Committee (CARC) report. The CARC report indicates that glyphosate is "not likely to be carcinogenic to humans" and was inadvertently posted publicly, then taken down. Prior to receiving this letter, OPP had requested ORD's help to prepare for the Science Advisory Panel (SAP), anticipated to occur in the fall of 2016, where the glyphosate carcinogenic potential will be discussed. OSP is currently working with NCEA to identify an epidemiologist who can work with OPP on evaluation of the literature. Fred- I think we should skip this item for this week's report, but have included it in this message in case you would want to share this info with IOAA through a different mechanism.